

KNOXVILLE WHIG.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1861.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!!!

Free Books for Sale—I have to send a book of 300 pages, well bound, being a discussion of the Slavery question, between myself and Mr. Pugh, in which the latter entered into a defense of "glorious old John Brown and his boys," as he styled them. His audience, this book is full of more interest in the South, than heretofore. I will send it post paid by mail to any one who will believe me on parole.

I have my copy of "Greene's Free Wheel," with an Appendix, a book of 300 pages, bound cheap in paper covers, which I will send post for 50 cents, or two copies for one dollar, paying 20 cents postage, and leaving only 80 cents for the book. Send your orders.

I have also a few dozen copies of my "Political Register" of 1848, a large book, now 10 days, which I will send post paid for one dollar, and my book of "Americanization contrasted with Bigot Democracy," which I will furnish at 50 cents.

W. G. BROWNSON.

Our District Convention.

The time of holding our District Convention at Clinton, has been changed to Saturday 26th of May, which will enable our delegates to select an Electoral Candidate, knowing who have been nominated at Charleston and Baltimore.

Delegates can be appointed in each County, the first Monday in May, where they have not yet been appointed. They will be chosen for Knox County on the first Monday in May. And it is desired that every County in this District, will send delegates to Clinton.

The Presidential Campaign.

Our attention has been called off from our paper for two months past, by private affair that we could not neglect. We are now through with these, and will open our batteries against Loco-foco misrule, demagogism, and corruption, and keep up the fire until November next. The Charleston Convention meets this week, and there the Democratic candidate for the Presidency will be designated. On the 5th of May—a day close at hand—the Union Party will put forth their ticket, and in a few days thereafter the Republicans will convene at College, for the same purpose.

The canvas that is to follow these three nominations, will be the most important, and the most exciting, if not the most serious, that has transpired in the history of the American Republic. The purity of this Union, the integrity of our Constitution, and the supremacy of law, all depend upon the issue of this campaign, and its results.

Our Weekly Whig shall contain all the news, it shall take conservative ground, and impart reliable information. We have said to all, of this faith, censurate our Whig, as it will advocate virtue, integrity, and patriotism, and such candidates only as represent these virtues. We make this request—not in any selfish spirit—but in the hope that our labors to promote the cause of Conservation, will be the more efficient, by rousing the eyes of thousands. We already supply thousands, but our ambition is to supply MULTIFOLD THOUSANDS with faithful expositions of the true policy of the country, and of the corruption, extravagance and daring robbery of the most corrupt organization upon the face of God's green earth, usually known as the NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY!

Our paper, as our Prospective shows, is cheap, and especially so to Cleve. Look at our terms! And if it were not cheap, it should be circulated from time to time at considerations. First, it will war unceasingly upon the venal hounds of freedom who have fattened at the public crib; and next, it will advocate the nominees of the Baltimore Convention, who will, beyond all doubt, represent the virtue and intelligence of the country, and stand upon the broad and glorious platform of the Constitution, the Union, and the enforcement of Law!

Correction.

We are desirous by Mr. Wm. P. WELCH, to correct the reading of his testimony in the late trial at Abingdon, as to make him say the persons standing at the end of the Academy, were near to Carmack's room, instead of Frazee's room, as it reads. And the person he saw previous to the fight, is "surprised and close-converted," were Rapoole, Carmack and Hyde.

This is an important correction, although the two rooms are just together, in a manner, and are in the same building. Carmack's room was the room where the parties lay in wait, and where they carried out the infamous conspiracy, so eloquently described by Jas. T. CAMPBELL, Esq., one of the counsel for the Defense. It was out of that room that Pease saluted upon his prey, like a lion coming out from the banks of the Nile! It was into that room, and their hearts were seized with fear, as the party, who had witnessed the fight, before the door, were Rapoole, Carmack and Hyde.

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"The pressure upon me continues without intermission. I pray the Divine Providence, in which I place my trust, may graciously preserve my life and my health until the end of my term. But God's will be done in every event."

Of course, the plain resignation of this clinking paragraph is about as sincere and earnest as the false and insincere declarations that had preceded it! Officially and officially the hateful old man is corrupt, and proves by his every act, the truth of the charge of corruption made against him by Gen. Jackson, in his letter to Major Lewis. Poor old Buchanan—he lets us be reverently thankful for all mercies—he will soon get out of office, and into his grave!

And it is a source of consolation to every proud hearted American to know that another man, like him, equally the knave and fool, alike reckless of right and of decency, cannot be chosen for the office he has disgraced, even in the shameless, and corrupt ranks of a whiskey-drinking, money-stealing and lying De-

Douglas in Tennessee.

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The Friends of Democracy.

We are not to judge of Democracy by their progress, but in the language of the Bible, "by their fruits ye shall know them." They prove every thing, but nothing but plaudits and plaudits. They are divided into a half dozen factions, North and South, East, West, and South-West, but are not agreed on any single principle but that of *spoil*, and these they are resolved to have still hazards to the country.

This Democratic party has furnished every candidate that has ever made the race for the Presidency on the side of the rebellion. The author of the Wilkes Proviso is a Democrat—the Democratic State Convention of Indiana adopted it in 1850—and the Democratic Legislature of the same State instructed their Senators, and requested their Representatives to vote for it! In 1848, the Democratic Legislature of Ohio, adopted the Wilkes Provision, and urged its adoption upon Congress.

When the Democrats of Massachusetts elected Sumner to the Senate, over a Whig, the Democracy shouted victory from one extreme of the Union to the other! When the Democracy of Ohio elected Chase to the Senate of the United States over a tried Whig, and a national man, all was joy and rejoicing! When the Democrats of Indiana elected Julian to Congress, over Parker, a noble man, their shouts of victory went out from their organ at Washington, and were caught up by all the little spurs, and reechoed.

The author of that infamous Abolition measure, the Home-stead Bill, is a Democrat, and every Abolitionist in America is for its adoption! The advocates of a dissolution of the Union, are the sisters of the South, and Abolitionists at the foundation of the Kansas and Nebraska Bill. It is strange that people at a distance, and with no practical acquaintance with the condition of the slaves, should be wiser than those on the spot. It is beyond all question too true, owing to hold up a great Democratic party there is a coalition of the Constitution and the laws, composed of Pro-Slavery and Free-State Democrats, and if the south is to be against slavery, to obtain a coalition of Free-State and other States, and annihilate all the laws guarding the just rights of the South.

You are right in your conjectures as to the conduct of John Bell's appointment. We suppose it would be peculiarly acceptable to yourself, and that he might aid in carrying out your policy.

Col. Conning has been appointed Governor of Utah. This will cause his place to be vacated, and the next period required for settling up his interests, and I sincerely desire he be placed to fill it by the appointment of Mr. Stevens.

Gen. Harney has been ordered to command the expedition to Utah, but we must continue to hold him with you, at least until you are ready to receive him. We will do our best in behalf of the present mounted force. Utah.

The pressure upon me continues without intermission. I pray the Divine Providence, in which I place my trust, may graciously preserve my health until the end of my term. But God's will be done in every event.

I remain always yours truly,

(Signed) JAMES BROWNSON.

To the Hon. J. W. BROWN.

Editor and Louvera.

One is infinitely impressed at seeing the number of idle persons who hang about the corners of business streets, and go out into the liquor shops of Knoxville. How this class of beings manage to live is indeed a mystery, the most of them, from their dress, and general appearance, do not begin to be well off in the way of this world's goods, and this makes the matter of their living still more perplexing, and leaves honest men to conjecture that they must either gamble, cumber, or steal. Some of them are half-breed Indians; and their children are at home, or prowling about the streets, naked and half-starved. Let a dirty rat come along, these idlers are all along hanging around their caresses, leaning up against lamp posts and shade trees, hooking on, and at night, paying their money and going to see the women!

Add to the plague of whiskey, the fact reported by the Charleston papers, that the *Mosquitos* have appeared in that port in greater numbers, with larger abdomen, and longer bills than ever before known, and it is fair to conclude that the Devil will be to pay generally. The Democracy will get drunk at a general thing, and they will bleed freely, exacting the *bloody*, of the Mosquitos, also, that a man may be a Democrat and advocate of oppose slavery!

Fight dog, fight bear—

There is an *ugly* in there—

Buchanan's Letter to Walker.

Buchanan is the only President of the United States in recent whom we have felt justified in saying, that he is a wily, shrewd, personally dishonest, and publicly and privately a corrupt man. If any thing can add to the popular contempt which the country entertains for the miserable old master in politics, it will be the letter which we subjoin, and which he wrote to ROBERT J. WALKER, while Governor of Kansas. Nothing ever said by Douglas, or any Northern Free Soil, favorable to Squatter Sovereignty, or the wishes of the John Brown school of Abolitionists in Kansas, was a whit more decided or explicit than the repeated expressions of Buchanan—not in this famous but infamous letter to Mr. Walker. Upon the "principle of popular sovereignty," as explained and advocated by Douglas, and those who have designs against the South, this corrupt old political prostitute says, "I am willing to stand or fall." And yet, the base old villain, turned Walker out of office for adhering to the very principles he had urged him to stand by, and had assured him that it would make him "irresistible," and cause him to "return triumphantly from his arduous, important, and responsible station." Was there ever a more disgusting instance of political treachery and official deceit, fraud, and villainy?

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The Weather and Crops.

Spring is upon us in all her lovely charms, mildness and beauty. The atmosphere is laden with the balmy fragrance of ten thousand flowers, peculiar to a Southern climate. And every breeze that has our cheek, regales our ear with the music of the feathered songsters. It has been raining beautifully for a few days, and our farmers, coming to town, can be seen smiling fifty yards distant.

Even the life of vegetation is putting forth its best looks. The wheat is turning out still better and better, and some of our knowing farmers predict that we are to have a fine crop. Upon the whole, every thing looks encouraging, and we rejoice with our agricultural friends at the prospects which lie before them.

Death of George S. Yerger.

This dear lawyer died of Apoplexy on Friday the 29th, while hunting on his plantation in Yasso, Mississippi. He married the daughter of Judge Scott, of this city, and for a series of years was the Reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. He was to recently the President of the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was among the most eminent and distinguished lawyers in the State, previous to his removal to Mississippi. He was a member of the Episcopal Church.

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Death of W. Cost Johnson.

This gentleman recently died in Washington, in the 60th year of his age. He was a man of commanding talents, and for many years past, was a Whig leader, of the Clay school, in the Congress of the United States.

Death of Buchanan and Jackson.

We beg pardon of our readers for naming these two men in the same connection, as one was every inch a man, and the other is every inch an ass, but we do so, for the purpose of instituting a comparison. Buchanan has sent a message to Congress, like wanting in dignity

the Cabinet that is in session. The views which it contains are not calculated to inspire confidence, but in the language of the Bible, "by their fruits ye shall know them." They prove every thing, but nothing but plaudits and plaudits. They are divided into a half dozen factions, North and South, East, West, and South-West, but are not agreed on any single principle but that of *spoil*, and these they are resolved to have still hazards to the country.

The Representatives in Congress from the Knoxville District, recently attended a Union meeting in the city of Baltimore, held in Carroll Hall, and together with numerous other members of Congress, addressed an enthusiastic meeting. The Baltimore Citizen thus addressed to the speech of Mr. Maynard.

The speech of the Hon. James Maynard, of Tennessee, was able, eloquent, and well received, and elicited appropriate applause. The National Democratic Convention, held at Lexington on the 2d inst. last, passed a resolution which placed the entire responsibility of the conduct of the Convention to the people of Kentucky, and to the people of the South, and not to the people of the North, and to the people of the West, and South, and not to the people of the East, for their opposition to the Constitution.

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